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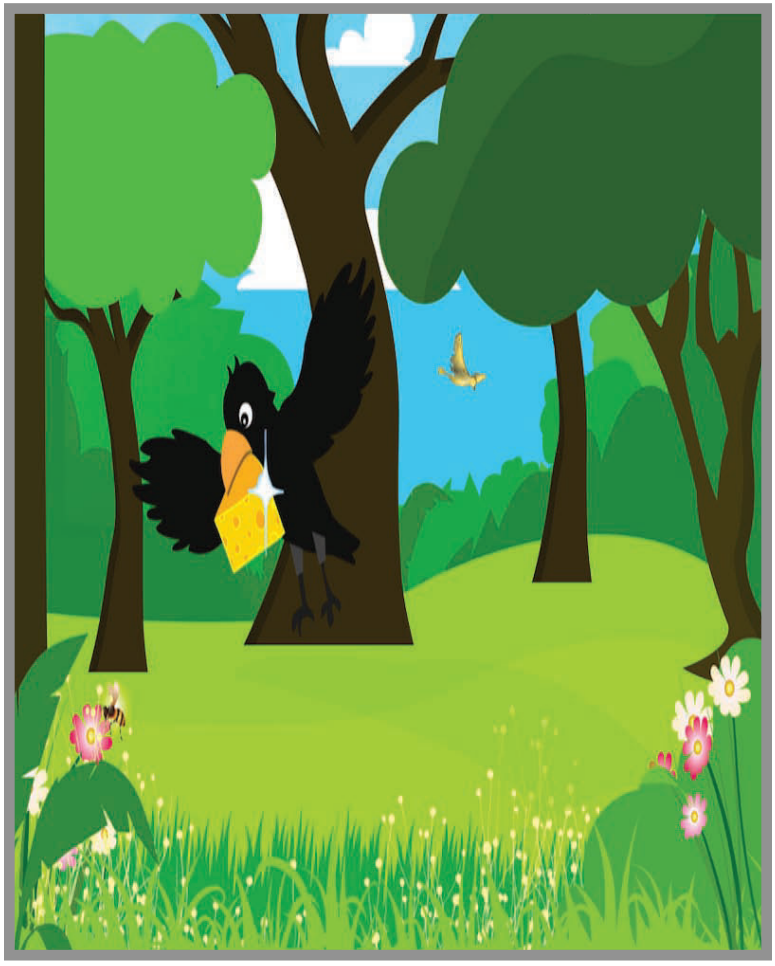


A large black crow
flying up high,

When a large piece of cheese
She suddenly spied.

She scooped up the cheese
in her sharp yellow beak,

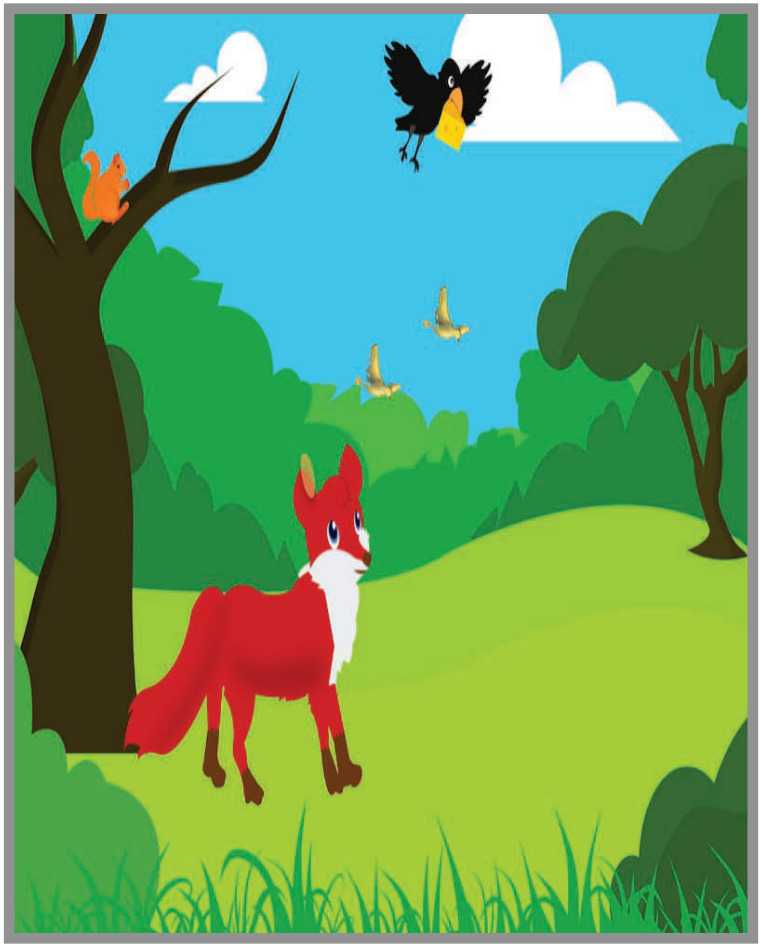
Then flew to a tree
with the cheese she would hide.

Now while flying around
the Crow passed a red Fox ,

Who watched the black Crow
just in case she should drop. . .

Such a juicy large piece
of bright yellow cheese,

The aroma so sweet
That the Fox had to stop!

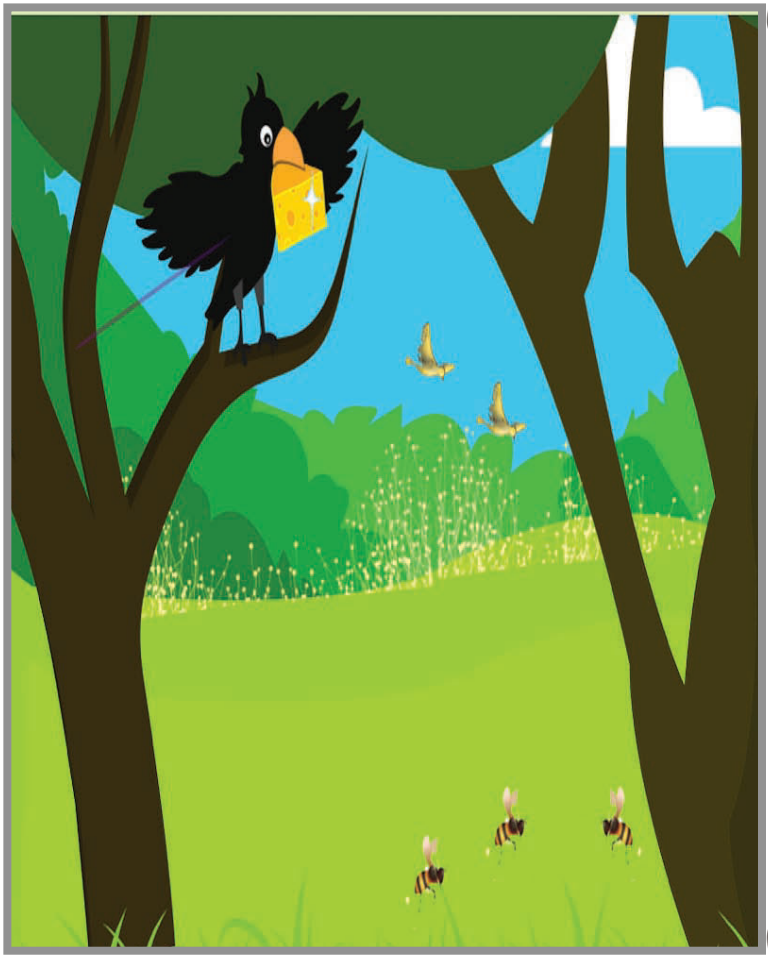


When a small frisky Squirrel,
out looking for food

Saw the flying black Crow
soaring high on the breeze.

The Squirrel ran and he chased
behind the red Fox

Chasing the Crow
as she carried the cheese.



The Crow landed up high
in a Spotted Gum tree,

Where she pranced and she danced
and was sure to be seen.

With the large luscious cheese
she held tight in her beak,

As she stretched her black wings, with
their glorious sheen.

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As the animals gathered
around the gum tree,

They watched and they watched
as she strutted her stuff.

Now she just took her time
to do as she pleased

For to eat her fresh cheese
she was not in a rush.

But the Fox and the Squirrel
sat below and they stared,

With such envy they sat,
and wtched the Black Crow.

At the Crow and the cheese
perched out on a limb

And continued to wait
as they gawked from below.

From the tip of his lips,
Mr. Fox wiped the drool.

He was hungry and wanted
her bright yellow cheese.

He decided he had
to think up a plan

To make the Crow drop it,
then the cheese he would seize

Then finally the Fox,
so cleaver and sly,

Announced with respect
as he bowed very low,

"That's a most lovely piece
of cheese that you have."

But not one single word
was heard from the Crow.

What beautiful feathers
you have in your wings.

They are blacker than midnight,
such a glorious shine.

You're a beauty that's envied
by all of your friends.

Such remarkable plumage,
how I wish it were mine."

Miss Crow was so proud
up high in the tree,

As she looked all about
with the cheese in her beak.

She puffed up her fine feathers
so all would see. . .

Her dazzling black feathers
all shiny and sleek.

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T is truly a sad and regrettable shame

That a Crow with such beauty
cannot sing a song!"

But the Crow watched the Fox
now she wasn't too happy,

"A Crow should not caw,
for that song sounds all wrong."

CAW, CAW

Now the Crow was decidedly
growing with anger,

And she opened her mouth
to let out her great CAW,

When the luscious piece
of bright yellow cheese

Fell from her beak,
as her friends watched in awe!

Down fell the cheese
it tumbled and turned,

Falling into the mouth
Mr. Fox used to entice.

As they all stood in silence
for a lesson was learned. . .

Such flattering words
cost Miss Crow a great price!

THE END

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Beware of flattering words!

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Aesop

It is said that Aesop was an ancient Greek story teller. He is believed to have been a slave originally brought from Ethiopia, though the truth of his origin is not truly known and often a topic for scholars. He used nature to teach lessons of life, a moral, with short colorful animal stories.

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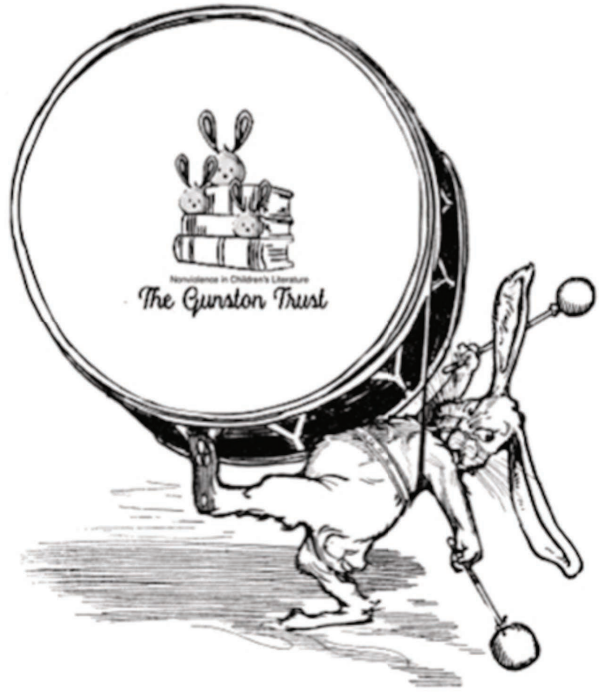
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